

CLAIM AMENDMENTS:

1. (currently amended) A connector comprising a housing accommodating electric wires extended from a rear end of the housing; and a cover mounted on the rear end of said housing (10) to surround said electric wires,

said cover having two halves that are connected to each other by butting an edge of one butting wall on one said half against an edge of a butting wall formed on said other half,

at least one engaging projection on each said butting wall in each of said halves, and at least one locking piece on each butting wall in each of said halves at positions corresponding to positions of said engaging projections of the opposed half, said locking pieces being configured to ride across and lock to said corresponding engaging projection for preventing said halves from separating;

each of said engaging projections being formed on said butting wall at a position spaced inwardly from said edge of said butting wall in a direction in which said both halves are connected, whereby a portion of an outer surface of said butting wall between said edge of said butting wall and said engaging projection ~~defining~~ defines an outwardly open temporary holding surface that supports said locking piece before said locking piece reaches said engaging projection in connecting said halves to each other, thereby holding a connected posture of each of said halves in a normal posture, said outwardly open temporary holding surface permitting outward deflection of said locking piece so that said locking piece can ride across and lock to said corresponding engaging projection; and

at least one guide formed on said butting wall outwardly from the respective engaging projection and at least partly surrounding portions of said engaging projections spaced from said edge of said butting wall so that an accommodation concavity is formed between said engaging projection and said guide, said locking piece being dimensioned to fit between the engaging projection and the guide, whereby the guide protects the locking piece from inadvertent contact.

Claim 2 and 3 (canceled).

4. (currently amended) The connector of claim 21, wherein said guide is formed integrally with said accommodation concavity.

5. (currently amended) A cover for protecting wires extending from a housing of a connector to a corrugate tube, the corrugate tube having an outer surface with a plurality of annular concave portions, the corrugate tube further having an inner surface with a plurality of annular convex portions defining inner diameters, said cover comprising:

a lock formed on an inner surface of an end of said cover remote from said housing and dimensioned for and engaging one of said annular concave portions on the outer periphery of said corrugate tube so that said corrugate tube is mounted unremovably on said cover; and

an electric wire guide formed unitarily with a portion of said cover substantially adjacent said lock and dimensioned to define a diameter of a path for said electric wires extended from said corrugate tube that is smaller than the inner diameter defined by the annular convex portions defined on the inner periphery of said corrugate tube.

6. (currently amended) The cover of claim 5, wherein said cover comprises a pair of half covers connected unitarily to each other; a locking mechanism for holding said half covers closed around said wires and secured to said housing and said corrugate tube; and said electric wire guide comprises half annular projections formed on inner peripheral surfaces of said half covers at locations to define an annular projection when said half covers are closed around said wires.

7. (previously presented) The cover of claim 5, wherein said electric wire guide includes a rounded surface for contacting said electric wires.

8. (previously presented) The cover of claim 5, wherein the electric wire guide is disposed between the lock and the housing.